

ADLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 16th July 2012
in the Community Centre, Railway Road, Adlington commencing at 7.15pm

Members Present:

Mayor J Lowe
Councillors C Hart, S Higgins, B Lee, F Molyneaux, J Molyneaux (part of meeting), E Sumner,
A Wilson

In Attendance: L Crouch (Clerk), a Police representative, Mr Dan Croft, and six local residents

1 Open Forum

Six residents of Sutton Lane attended the meeting to express their concern that the parking of large vehicles, including an AA van, is damaging grass verges on Fielding Place. The Clerk will contact Chorley Council and the AA and pass on the residents' concerns. The residents were advised by the Council to contact Jamie Carson at Chorley Council regarding the use of the private road section of Sutton Lane as a thoroughfare and request permission if they wish to erect a bollard. One of the residents requires wheelchair access and parking in this area is making this difficult. The Council agreed to include wheelchair use in the village on the agenda for its August meeting. The Mayor thanked the residents for their attendance.

The local residents left the meeting

The Police representative reported that there had been several crimes in the village in the last month, including 7 burglaries. Some arrests had been made following information from vigilant neighbours. Motorcyclists using Ellerbeck illegally had their bikes removed and had to pay for their return. The Council expressed concern that the new 101 number for non-urgent Police contact was causing delay. It was agreed that the response time for answering calls was variable, and that operators often have little knowledge of the local area. The representative was asked to pass on the obstruction problem of parking on dropped kerbs on Fielding Place to the local Police, and also to thank the local Police team for their assistance on Civic Sunday.

The Police representative left the meeting

Mr Daniel Croft introduced himself to the Council. Mr Croft was the only applicant for the advertised vacancy on the Council. He gave a brief summary of his achievements and interests.

2 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllr G Dunn who was away on holiday, Cllr J Smethurst who was attending a family event and Cllr D Hoyle who was in London, and accepted by the Council.

3 **Minutes of the Meeting of 18th June 2012** were accepted as a true record and signed by the Mayor.

3.1 **Matters Arising.** None

4 **Declarations of Interest** Cllr J Lowe declared a personal interest in item 5.3 as she arranged and paid for the Civic Sunday buffet and paid for plants for the planters on the Council's behalf.

The Mayor proposed that item 7.1 be brought forward to allow the co-option of the new Councillor before any further business was conducted, and this was agreed by the Council

7.1 It was resolved to co-opt Mr Daniel Croft as Town Councillor for the Central Ward of Adlington. Mr Croft made and signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office

5 Finance

5.1 The recommendations of the Finance Working Group were accepted by the Council

- It was resolved to open an account with Chorley Building Society and to invest £7000 of reserve funds in this account.
- It was resolved that additional information regarding the provision of lamppost brackets for the hanging baskets was required before any decision can be made and the Clerk was asked to contact Mr Dodd for further details

5.2 It was resolved to approve the statement of accounts and budget review for June 2012

5.3 It was resolved to approve the following payments:

L Crouch	Salary	
Petty Cash	Imprest – printer cartridge and website/email renewal	£49.55
Orange	Phone charges 24/6/12 to 23/7/12	£9.00
Rivington & Adlington Brass Band	Civic Sunday	£200.00
J Lowe (for Village Kitchen & Asda)	Civic Sunday buffet	£195.80
J Lowe	Plants for Planters	£25.50

The following payment was not approved, pending further information.

P Dodd	Brackets for hanging baskets	£500.00
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5.4 It was resolved to transfer £1400 from the savings to the business current account

6 Planning

6.1 New Applications

It was resolved that the Clerk would submit the following responses:

12/00615/FUL Ridgway Arms 176 Chorley Road - Minor material amendment to previously approved application 11/01086/FUL which includes increasing the total demolition area of the side elevation of the building by 14sqm; reduction in the floor space on the ground floor through not building out in full the approved extension by 15sqm and; the creation of new entrance doors. No objection.

12/00608/ADV First Quench Retailing, 174 Chorley Road – Wall mounted sign of approx 2440 x 820mm advertising presence of retail bakery outlet. No objection.

12/00640/FUL 3 Nightingale Street - Erection of conservatory at rear. Leave for neighbours to comment.

12/00645/FUL Land 66M North West Of 6 Ellerbeck View Castle House Lane - Erection of timber clad animal welfare shelter. Contact Chorley Planning for clarification of the rules on agricultural registration.

Ridgway Arms, Chorley Road : 12/00636/FUL Erection of external pedestrian ramp and platform, external chiller and relocated air conditioning units, **12/00637/FUL** Installation of ATM and associated lighting and CCTV camera and **12/00648/ADV** 5 x Fascia Sign, Projecting Sign ATM Sign. Contact Chorley Planning to express the Council's concern that the proposed chiller unit condenser will be sited close to residential property and may cause noise disturbance.

12/00659/CLPUD 6 Meadow View - Erection of conservatory to rear. Leave for neighbours to comment.

6.2 Applications Permitted

The following granted planning permission was noted:

12/00163/ADV 54 Market Street - Installation of wall mounted advertisement
Cllr J Molyneaux arrived at the meeting

7 Items for Discussion

7.1 This item was discussed at the start of the meeting

At this point it was agreed to suspend standing orders to allow the meeting to continue for 30 minutes

7.2 It was resolved that the Mayor would sign the Jubilee Bench agreement on behalf of the Council and that any additional insurance premium relating to the Council's share of responsibility for the bench would be paid. The Clerk was asked to make an initial enquiry to Came & Company to establish how much this was likely to be.

7.3 The Clerk was asked to contact the Friends of Adlington Circular Walk and ask that their request for a donation be submitted when applications for Community Awards funding are invited at the beginning of next year. It was resolved that Cllr Croft would represent Adlington Town Council at the Friends of ACW meetings.

7.4 It was resolved that daily.co.uk should be given permission to use the Adlington Town Council website in their promotional material

- 7.5 A response to the Halcrow Group consultation regarding taxi provision was discussed and it was resolved to submit the following comments:
- Adlington is poorly served by taxi services, having only one private hire company in the village and no taxi rank for Hackney Carriages
 - There is no provision available for local runs within the village
 - Taxi services are not well advertised within the village
 - There are not many traditional large Hackney “cabs” in the Chorley area
- In addition it was resolved to request that consideration is given to the provision of a taxi rank in Adlington to encourage the use of Hackney Carriages by local residents
- 7.6 It was resolved that Cllr Higgins will attend the two New Councillor training sessions being run by the Lancashire Association of Local Councils in October at a cost of £60
- 7.7 It was resolved to defer the discussion of essential Councillor documentation to the next meeting
- 7.8 It was resolved that a new Parish Plan is needed, and that the Clerk will circulate the template received from Lancashire County Council. As this was received some time ago the Clerk will check whether any amendments to this have been made before circulating
- 7.9 It was resolved that the points raised in the letter sent to Northern Rail in January 2010 requesting improvements to the Adlington rail service are still valid, but that the changes are more urgently required because of the new housing development and park and ride spaces currently under construction on land adjacent to the railway. The Clerk was asked to send this comment to Simon Clark at Chorley Council.

8 Items for Information

- 8.1 The Clerk circulated a printed draft copy of the new format Update newsletter for comments.
- 8.2 The Clerk will be on holiday from Monday 6th August for one week
The meeting closed at 9.30pm